

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enough. Enough already.

FM radio has been ruined.
Broadcast television will soon be.

This isn't about protecting a struggling industry; it's about making sure greedy pockets remained flush and cash-lined.

Many capable, dedicated, college-educated journalists and technicians struggle to make a living in broadcasting. Skilled professionals earning fast-food wages are not uncommon. Local entertainment products perished years ago and local news products are dying a slow, painful death. Many consider themselves fortunate because they still have a job, but they fear those jobs will soon be lost in a further deregulated environment.

Meanwhile, media owners enjoy double-digit profit margins that most industries would envy.

Deregulation is destroying local broadcasting and harming the industry as a whole. I urge the commission to consider what is best for local consumers, as well as the workers struggling in the broadcasting industry.

Save broadcasting.
Save the free press.

Halt further deregulation!